



# **SUMMER PSALMS**

## **LEARNING THE SONGS OF JESUS**

New City is spending time this summer exploring the Psalms – the songbook given by God to his people for worship, community, and a hopeful realism. This was modeled well in the life of Jesus. Though separated by language, culture, and generations, the Psalms are still the inspired and reliable guide to our own hearts and a constant help in honestly navigating the chaos of our world with God-honoring, Christ-centered, hope-filled resiliency

# The Upholder of My Life

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**The Lord has given us his “name”  
to call on in distress.**

## Psalm 54

To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments. A Maskil of David, when the Ziphites went and told Saul, “Is not David hiding among us?”

<sup>1</sup>O God, save me by your name,  
and vindicate me by your might.

<sup>2</sup>O God, hear my prayer;  
give ear to the words of my mouth.

<sup>3</sup>For strangers (lit: insolent and arrogant) have risen against me;  
ruthless men seek my life;  
they do not set God before themselves. *Selah*

<sup>4</sup>Behold, God is my helper;  
the Lord is the upholder of my life.

<sup>5</sup>He will return the evil to my enemies;  
in your faithfulness put an end to them

<sup>6</sup>With a freewill offering I will sacrifice to you;  
I will give thanks to your name, O LORD, for it is good.

<sup>7</sup>For he has delivered me from every trouble,  
and my eye has looked in triumph on my enemies.

## Exodus 34

<sup>5</sup>The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, <sup>7</sup>keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.”\*

\* (of those who set themselves against him – cf Deut 5)

## Proverbs 18

<sup>10</sup>The name of the LORD is a strong tower;  
the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

## Exodus 3

<sup>13</sup>Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” <sup>14</sup>God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” <sup>15</sup>God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

## Romans 10

<sup>11</sup>For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”